

**Acts Approved by the Uniform Law Commission
During the 2013 Annual Conference
Short Summaries**

- **Amendments to the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) Pertaining to International Proceedings**

The 2013 Amendments to the UCCJEA were drafted and approved as part of the effort to implement the 1996 Hague Convention on Jurisdiction, Applicable Law, Recognition, Enforcement, and Co-operation in respect of Parental Responsibility and Measures for the Protection of Children. The United States has signed the Convention, and the UCCJEA amendments constitute part of the implementing legislation. Federal legislation (which is not yet enacted) will implement the rest of the Convention. **Although the ULC approved the Amendments to UCCJEA Pertaining to International Proceedings in 2013, because federal implementing legislation has not yet been drafted, the ULC does not intend to present the Amendments for state enactment at this time.**

The following link provides a full copy of the act:

<http://www.uniformlaws.org/Act.aspx?title=Child%20Custody%20Jurisdiction%20and%20Enforcement%20Act%20%282013%29>

- **Uniform Powers of Appointment Act**

A power of appointment is an estate planning tool that permits the owner of property to name a third party and give that person the power to direct the distribution of that property among some class of permissible beneficiaries. It is an effective and flexible technique used in a wide variety of situations, but there is very little statutory law governing the creation and use of powers of appointment. Instead, estate planning attorneys must rely on a patchwork of state court decisions. The drafters of the Uniform Powers of Appointment Act did not set out to change the law, but rather to codify the existing common law, relying heavily on the Restatement (Third) of Property: Wills and other Donative Transfers. Therefore, estate planning attorneys will already be familiar with the act's provisions, and are likely to welcome the legal certainty that would result from its enactment.

The following link provides a full copy of the act:

<http://www.uniformlaws.org/Act.aspx?title=Powers%20of%20Appointment>

- **Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking**

The Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking is a comprehensive new law directed against human trafficking. Human trafficking – a form of modern day slavery – is a global concern that affects the United States on federal, state, and local levels. The federal Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 identifies two primary forms of human trafficking:

sex trafficking and labor trafficking. The Uniform Act provides the three components necessary for ending human trafficking: comprehensive criminal provisions; provisions for victim services; and the establishment of a coordinating body to help government and non-government organizations coordinate their human trafficking activities. A comprehensive uniform act will enable federal, state, and local agencies to better identify victims, provide needed services, and facilitate prosecution.

The following link provides a full copy of the act:

<http://www.uniformlaws.org/Act.aspx?title=Prevention%20of%20and%20Remedies%20for%20Human%20Trafficking>

- **2013 Amendments to Harmonized Business Organization Acts**

The objective of the Uniform Harmonized Business Organization Code (UHBOC) is to harmonize, to the extent possible, the language in the ULC's business entity acts (including the Model Entity Transactions Act, Uniform Partnership Act, Uniform Limited Partnership Act, Uniform Limited Liability Company Act, Uniform Statutory Trust Entity Act, Uniform Limited Cooperative Associations Act, Uniform Unincorporated Nonprofit Association Act, and the Model Registered Agents Act) so that the language in the provisions that are common in one or more of the acts are identical. Amendments to the UHBOC approved in 2013 address some technical corrections which need to be made since the act's promulgation in 2011.

The following link provides a full copy of the act:

<http://www.uniformlaws.org/Act.aspx?title=Harmonization%20of%20Business%20Entity%20Acts>

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